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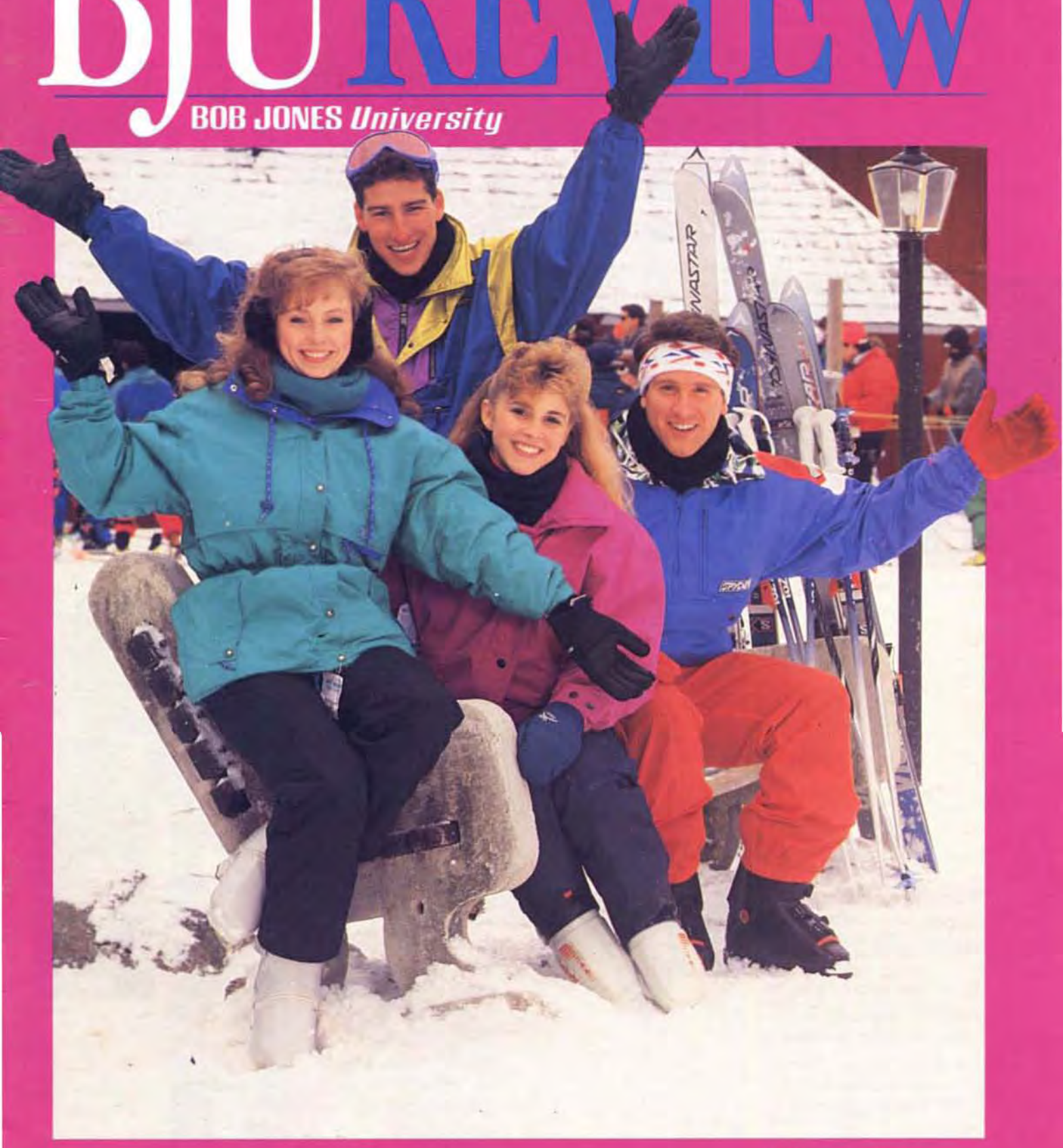

WINTER 1991

Campus News

Graduate receives award

George F. Martin, a 1960 BJU graduate, has been awarded this year's Presidential Professorship at Ohio State University. Since joining the OSU faculty in 1965 as a professor of cell biology and anatomy, Martin has received 14 teaching awards. This most recent honor rewarded his efforts in teaching, involvement with students, and other scholastic achievements with an annual budget of $10,000 to be used during the next five years for academic study.

Graduate elected to AACJC Board

Dr. James L. Hudgins, a 1959 graduate of BJU, has been elected to a three-year term on the board of directors of the American Association of Community and Junior Colleges. Dr. Hudgins is president of Midlands Technical College in Columbia, S.C., and is active in other higher education organizations.

Academy students participate in national tournament

Five students from Bob Jones Academy represented South Carolina this summer in the National Forensic League National Speech Tournament held in Glen View, Ill. David Doyle, a 1991 BJA graduate, brought home several top awards: presiding officer in student congress, Superior Representative Award, and fifth speaker in the John C. Stennis session of Super-Congress.

Jeff Peterson qualified as a semi-finalist in original oratory; David Arnold, Beth Lyda and Eric Townsend also participated.

Faculty member receives doctorate

Laura Glenn received her Doctorate of Business Education from Arizona State University. Laura is chairman of the departments of Office Administration and Business Education.

Faculty member judges contests

Laurence Morton, head of BJU's piano department, served as a judge in two contests sponsored by the Music Teachers National Association (MTNA). At the National Convention held in Miami during the first week of April, Mr. Morton judged the National Collegiate Piano Competition (won by his student Matt Edwards last year), and the Baldwin High School Competition.

Edwards competes in International Piano Competition

Graduate assistant Matt Edwards from Fountain Inn, S.C., recently competed in the Gina Bachauer International Piano Competition, held every three years in Salt Lake City. Personally invited by the competition director, Paul Pollei, Matt remained in the contest through the first round, playing six memorized pieces out of 14 prepared for the event.

Attention Nurses

If you want the opportunity to teach, guide, and care for nursing students in a B.S.N. program, and you hold a masters degree in nursing, we need you on the faculty of Bob Jones University. For more information, please call Kathleen Crispin, R.N., M.S.N. at (803) 242-5100 extension 2250, or write to her attention, Bob Jones University, Greenville, S.C., 29614.

Two students attend summer music program

Ryu-Kyung Christine Lee, of Greenville, S.C., participated in the Brevard Music Center's seven-week summer music festival. Christine, a senior at BJU and winner of several awards, is a cello performance major.

Heather Eaves, from Taylors, SC, won top honors at a contest for musicians ages 12–18 sponsored by the South Carolina Federation of Music Clubs. This scholarship for $1,600 qualified this BJA senior to study cornet at the same summer program.

We goofed!

Due to computer and clerical error, Dr. Dale Savidge's doctoral degree information was listed incorrectly in the Fall issue of the *BJU Review*. Dr. Savidge, a member of the speech faculty, received a Ph.D. in English and Theater from the University of South Carolina.

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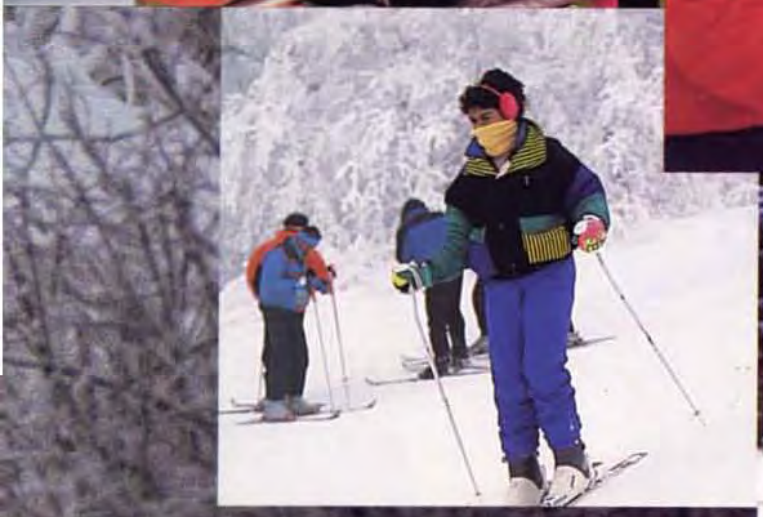
winter wonderland

We took a photographer along for the last couple of years in order to bring you these three pages (and the cover) full of great winter shots. Last year, a snowstorm hit just before the trip and blanketed the slopes in beautiful powder—great for skiing; even better for pictures.



No, there's no ski slope on campus. But most winters, the school loads up a couple of buses and takes all interested skiers to a North Carolina mountain, where they can ski (or at least pretend) to their heart's content.

All had a great time—both those who were proficient skiers and those whose falls, often and hard, quickly identified them as, shall we say, novices. And the folks at Ski Beech on Beech Mountain went out of their way to help keep everyone's spirits up.

The end of the day found most people still in one piece (although some a little sorer than others), us with some great photos, and everybody with new friends, a little better skill on the slopes, and memories of a great BJU ski trip.

Videos that keep on giving.

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This low-impact aerobic exercise program meets the experts' prescription for improving cardiovascular fitness and metabolizing excess fat. A wide variety of beautiful music accompanies it. The routine provides for beginning, intermediate, and advanced participation. (44:00)

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Set in the splendor and terror of the Spanish Inquisition is a drama of heroic Christian faith. Carlos, an earnest young nobleman, must choose salvation in Christ through the Scriptures or safety and respectability with the church. (2:00:00)

Red Runs the River

This is the story of two wars—one in the heart of General Richard S. Ewell, and the other on Civil War battlefields. The influence of General "Stonewall" Jackson's vigorous faith on the profane, unbelieving Ewell causes Ewell to realize that surrender to God brings true victory. (1:30:00)

Sheffey

Actual events from the life of Robert S. Sheffey tell the story of a greatly loved nineteenth-century circuit rider. As you ride the Appalachian mountains and hollows with this pioneer preacher, you will find courage, forgiveness, laughter, and tears. (2:15:00)

Wine of Morning

A story of bloodshed and shipwreck, of love and redemption, *Wine of Morning* traces the life of Joel, a promising young man who turns outlaw to free his people from Roman tyranny. As "Barabbas," Joel becomes the murderer and robber the mob chooses to release instead of Christ. (2:00:00)

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Choir, ensembles, soloists, and the Bob Jones University student body sing the joyful songs of Christmas. The selections, heard in Hi-Fi Stereo and set in both historical and modern scenes, include "Joy to the World," "Jesus, Jesus Rest Your Head," "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen," "Angels We Have Heard on High," and others. Your spirits will be lifted as you listen again and again to these timeless Christmas melodies. (23:05)

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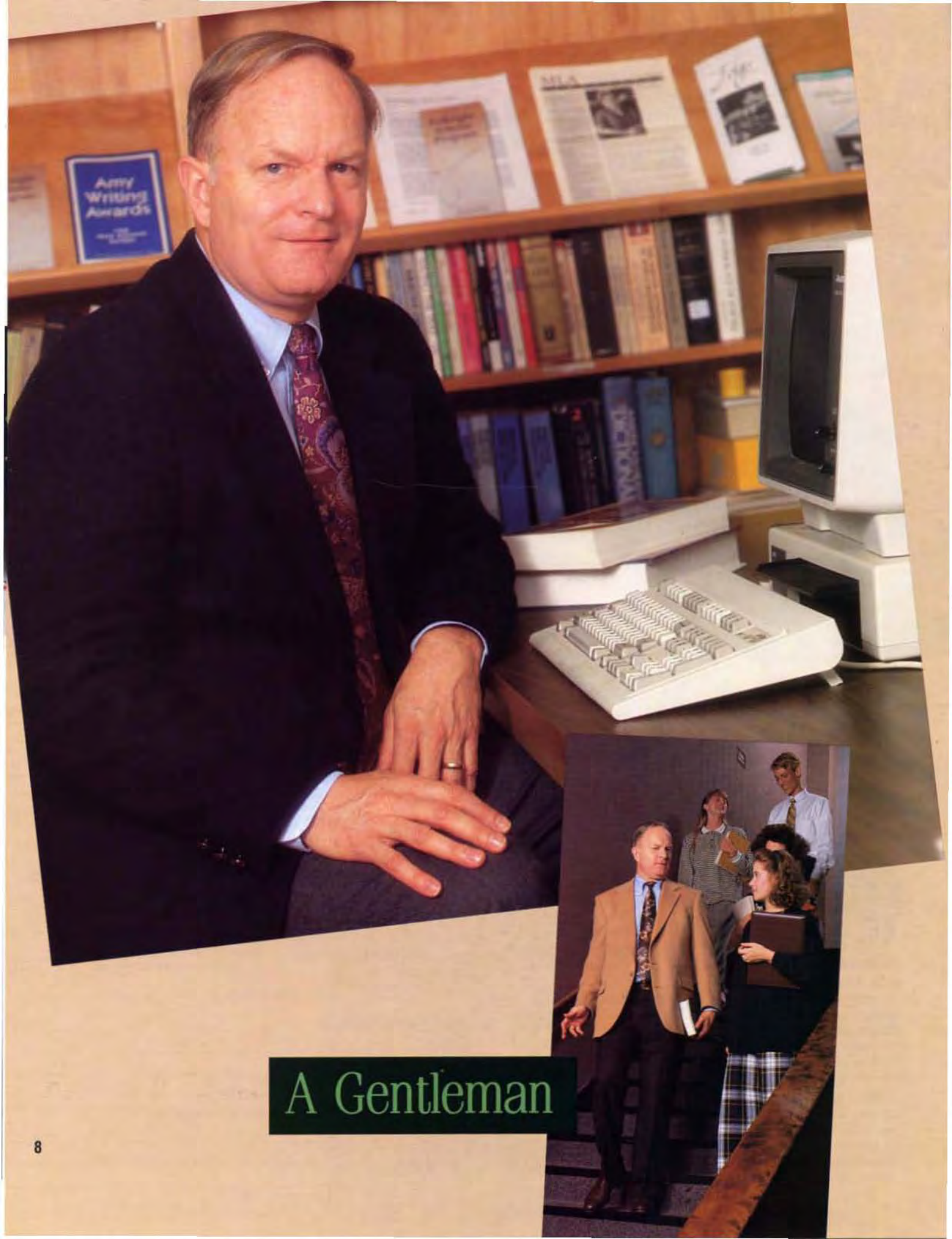


A Gentleman

and a Scholar

Do you dread English class? Take heart—it could be worse. You could be the author of four articles in the *Spenser Encyclopedia*, the president of the South Carolina Association of Departments of English, the author of several English and literature-related textbooks, and be the English Division Chairman—and enjoy it!

Thus reads the resume of Dr. Ron Horton, BJU English language and literature professor. Ron first became interested in the field of English literature while a student at BJU. "In college, I studied two works that really caught my attention. One was *The Scarlet Letter*, and the other was *King Lear*. Although I found both of these works extraordinarily moving and stimulating, I never thought that I would focus my life on literature."

But three decades later, he found that he has done just that. After graduating from BJU in 1958 with a degree in history and English, Ron left for UCLA to work on a graduate degree in English literature. Two years later he joined the faculty at BJU, and in 1966, on a three-year leave of absence, Ron left for the University of North Carolina to work on his doctorate in renaissance literature, conferred in 1972.

English did become a career for Ron, but it also served as a matchmaking tool. "I think I first saw my wife when she was a soprano soloist with an ensemble at Bible Conference, but I never started dating her until a month before I left for UNC." While at UNC, Martha, who was teaching English at BJU, and Ron dated primarily through letters. "It turned out to be a very practical application of what we were teaching. Since we were both involved in English, we had little trouble expressing ourselves!" Ron and Martha were married in 1968. Martha now teaches freshman-level English at BJU.

Now that he is a professor, Ron is very thankful for the training the Lord has allowed him to receive. "While at UNC, I studied under one of the best renaissance literature faculties in the country. Fortunately for me, the requirements there have enabled me to teach virtually any part of English literature."

But when asked what courses he does teach, he has difficulty answering. "From year to year it changes. Since I am the Chairman of the Division of English Literature, it is my responsibility to staff all the courses in my department, and then teach those courses that are left. I've taught over 30 different courses at the University." Several classes in his present schedule are Expository Writing, Writing Internship, British romanticism, Ancient and Medieval Philosophy, and Modern Philosophy.

Relating course material to his students seems to be Ron's primary goal in his teaching. "I try to find relationships between the content that I am teaching and the situations students face in their daily lives," he says. "In the field of English at BJU, we don't try to 'Christianize' literature or turn the desk into a pulpit, but we do try to supply a Christian critique of literature and of life."

Ron's accomplishments in the field of English are not limited to the classroom. In 1990, he was President of the South Carolina Association of Departments of English. He has also written four articles for the *Spenser Encyclopedia*, a detailed volume covering the life and works of Edmund Spenser. In the summers, Ron has helped produce several publications for the BJU Press including *Elements of Literature*, *British Literature for Christian Schools*, *Subjective Testing and Grading*, and *Classroom Censorship*.

His paper for a recent Renaissance Society of America conference was selected for publication. In addition, his dissertation was published by the University of Georgia Press.

Ron, Martha, and their three daughters, Jennifer, 21, Jocelyn, 19, and Jessica, 12, attend Trinity Baptist Church in Gaffney, S.C. Ron teaches the adult Sunday School class and in other ways helps in the church, pastored by his office mate and fellow English professor, Dr. Ray St. John.

Although he has obtained a great amount of knowledge in the field of English Literature, Ron's love for explaining those facts is what best characterizes his teaching. "If you want to pursue teaching, I think the one thing you must enjoy is explanation. You must be able to inform, but at the same time inspire with that information. I've found breaking down complicated things to be something I really enjoy. And that's what teaching is all about!" ■

ITINERARIES

DR. BOB JONES

Nov. 17
Mount Carmel Community Church
Mount Pleasant, PA

Nov. 18-19
Faith Bible Conference
Mount Carmel Community Church
Mount Pleasant, PA

Nov. 24
Bethel Baptist Church
Schaumburg, IL

Dec. 15
The Fundamentalist Baptist Tabernacle
Los Angeles, CA

Feb. 16
Dixie Baptist Church
Clarkston, MI

DR. BOB JONES III

Nov. 10 am
Parkway Baptist Church
Springfield Gardens, NY

Nov. 10 pm
All Nations Bible Baptist Church
Maspeth, NY

Nov. 12
Friendship Banquet
Roanoke, VA

Nov. 17
Westside Baptist Church
Hutchinson, KS

Nov. 20-22
Oak Forest Baptist Temple and Christian Academy
Oak Forest, IL

Nov. 24
Brookside Baptist Church
Brookfield, WI

Dec. 1
Faith Baptist Church
Davison, MI

Dec. 3
Friendship Banquet
Orlando, FL

Dec. 8 am
Greencastle Bible Church
Carroll, OH

Dec. 8 pm
North Suburban Baptist Church
Indianapolis, IN

Dec. 15 am
First Baptist Church
Milford, OH

Dec. 15 pm
Berean Baptist Church
Sciotoville, OH

Jan. 9
40th Anniversary Reunion
Neighborhood Bible Time
Boulder, CO

Jan. 14
Friendship Banquet
Charlotte, NC

Jan. 19 am
Fellowship Baptist Church
Waterford, MI

Jan. 19 pm
First Baptist Church
Wixom, MI

Jan. 21
Friendship Banquet
Macon, GA

Jan. 26
The Fundamentalist Baptist Tabernacle
Los Angeles, CA

Feb. 2
Carson Memorial Baptist Church
Kings Mountain, NC

Feb. 4
Friendship Banquet
Mobile, AL

Feb. 9 am
Covington Baptist Church
Covington, PA

Feb. 9 pm
Calvary Bible Church
Hanover, PA

Feb. 11
Friendship Banquet
Tampa, FL

MALE VOCAL ENSEMBLE

ILLINOIS

Danville
Friday, Nov. 22
Faith Baptist Church
920 Warrington Street

Downers Grove
Sunday pm, Nov. 17
Marquette Manor Baptist Church
333 75th Street

Joliet
Sunday am, Nov. 17
Ridgewood Baptist Church
1968 Hillcrest Road

Machesney Park
Wednesday, Nov. 20
New Hope Baptist Church
1100 Old Ralston Road

Normal
Sunday am, Nov. 24
Calvary Baptist Church
1017 North School Street

Oregon
Thursday, Nov. 21
First Baptist Church of Oregon

Springfield
Sunday pm, Nov. 24
Grace Baptist Church
2812 South Walnut

Woodstock
Tuesday, Nov. 19
Calvary Bible Church
612 Brookdale Road

INDIANA

Columbus
Sunday pm, Dec. 8
Fellowship Baptist Church
2072 Northgate

Crown Point
Friday, Nov. 15
South Park Baptist Church
903 Merrillville Road

Elkhart
Wednesday, Nov. 27
Grace Bible Church
54230 County Road 5, North

Fayetteville
Thursday, Dec. 5
Fayetteville Missionary
Baptist Church

Hanover
Sundayam, Dec 8
Hanover Independent Baptist Church
221 Kuntz Road

Indianapolis
Sunday am, Dec 1
Grace Baptist Church
1907 Woodlawn Avenue

Indianapolis
Sunday pm, Dec 1
Colonial Hills Baptist Church
8140 Union Chapel Road

Lodi
Tuesday, Nov. 26
Waterman Baptist Church of Lodi
Highway 234 in Lodi

Martinsville
Tuesday, Dec. 3
Martinsville Baptist Tabernacle
2189 Burton Lane

New Castle
Wednesday, Dec. 4
Grace Baptist Church
2649 Q Avenue

Oakland City
Friday, Dec. 6
McCullough Grove Baptist Church
Route 2

Paoli
Saturday, Dec. 7
Paoli First Baptist Church
116 Southeast First Street

Plainfield
Saturday, Nov. 30
Calvary Baptist Church
1290 South Center Street

Marietta
Thursday, Dec. 12
Open Door Baptist Church
301 Franklin Street

Reynoldsburg
Tuesday, Dec 10
Eastbrook Baptist Church
9733 Taylor Road, Southwest

Zanesville
Wednesday, Dec. 11
Maranatha Bible Church
2400 Chandlersville Road

WEST VIRGINIA

Barboursville
Sunday pm, Dec. 15
Elmwood Missionary Baptist Church
3045 Martha Road

Eleanor
Saturday, Dec. 14
First Baptist Church
901 Roosevelt Boulevard

Elkview
Friday, Dec. 13
Mount Pleasant Baptist Church
Highway 119 North

Nitro
Sunday am, Dec. 15
Twin City Bible Church
100 First Avenue

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

When God brought this world into existence by the word of His power and hung it in space upon nothing, he was building a "house" for Adam and Eve and their descendants. The first thing He did thereafter was to give them some "house rules" to live by. The first thing they did was to break the rules, and sin has separated man from God ever since.

At Calvary the shed blood of the Redeemer reconciles the believing person to the God he has offended. The new family relationship which follows gives us a sensitivity and desire to live life thereafter by God's "house rules."

God's love is greater than we could ever understand or describe. It is that love which causes God to chastise us when we break His "house rules." The transgression puts a breach between us and God; and the chastisement humbles us, convicts us, and brings us to repentance and restoration.

For the Christian, living within the boundaries of God's "house rules" makes for a blessed and peaceful life. It really is the only way to live life, for Scripture and experience both teach us that "the way of transgressors is hard."

Those of us who serve God at Bob Jones University delight to see graduates leave here and put into practice the Scriptural truths that form barriers of protection to conscientious Christians. The main thing Bob Jones University has to offer its students is instruction about how to live life on God's terms. His "house rules" include such things as "abstain from all appearance of evil"; "prove all things; hold fast that which is good"; "rejoice evermore"; "in every thing give thanks"; "walk honestly toward them that are without"; and so many more. A secular education is totally inadequate, because it is void of God's indispensable "house rules."

The main benefit of a Bob Jones University education is in what the student receives from the lives of the teachers, the atmosphere of the campus, and other intangible lessons of Christian living. This is the part of his education he uses most in his life thereafter.

Try on this definition for size: "Education: what you remember when you have forgotten everything you learned."

What this really means is that education is caught, not taught. The "caught" is what remains after the classroom content is forgotten. In the secular educational environment, students catch "germs." Those places are hazardous to your "health" if you are a Christian. The scholarships and reduced in-state tuitions, etc., that make them financially attractive are deceptive. You pay dearly for the rest of your life.

COLLEGE FINANCING TIPS

Scraping by. It seems to be the financial status of most of us these days. But our Turn-of-the Century Club offers a way to minimize the future costs of your child's education.

The Turn-of-the Century Club began a few years ago to provide an investment opportunity for parents of young people who will take the Gospel into the 21st century. The theory behind the Club is simple—save thousands of dollars by prepaying the current rates of room, board, and tuition for a student who will be attending BJU in the future.

Granted, it's backwards to the modern philosophy of instant gratification. But one look at the finance of our age will show you where that philosophy leads.

Here's how the Club works. If you have a student who might enroll as a freshman at BJU anytime from 1994–2003, you can prepay his college expense at current rates, rather than the rates he would pay later.

The Club is already bearing fruit for many families. Twenty-two students began this fall who are part of the Turn-of-the-Century Club. Those who joined during 1986 are saving $1860 their first year. If they paid in 1987, they're saving $1500.

How does that transfer into the future for you? College costs have been increasing at least six percent annually for some time. This year's room, board, and tuition comes to $7020. By the 1997 term, you could be paying in the neighborhood of $9400. That means if you join the club this year, you could save over $2300 in a single year. And these figures are optimistic; college rates could increase significantly more than six percent.

This program can be tailored to suit your specific need. You can choose to prepay one, two, three, or all four years of college for your child. Whichever you choose, you have 24 months to make the payments from the time you join the Club. Lump-sum, semi-annual, quarterly, and monthly payment plans are available to you. And, if your child is not able to attend BJU, you will be fully refunded.

The Turn-of-the-Century Club is not only open to parents, but to grandparents as well. What better gift or inheritance could be given to a child than a chance to prepare at "The Opportunity Place?" You'll be helping to pave the way for another generation to carry the torch of Christianity into the next century.

If you would like a brochure with more information about the Turn-of-the-Century Club, just fill out the response card in the center of the Review, or call us at (803) 242-5100, ext. 3020.

The Furniture Store

It's not really, but to the casual observer it sure looks like one. The official title is the Social Parlor, but it is most often referred to by the students as the "Dating Parlor" (shortened to the "D.P.") because of its obvious usage.

But couches aren't the only part of the Social Parlor. It also includes a game room, game tables, conference rooms, stained glass windows, and a kitchen. "The main function of the social parlor is to serve the student body," says Holly Hyma, Social Secretary. "We want to provide an atmosphere where students can comfortably be together to study, have devotions, play games, or just talk, but at the same time honor the Lord and have a good testimony."

Many students use the facility every day to be with that "someone special," but it didn't use to be that simple. "There used to be a limit on how much time students could spend in the Dating Parlor. Each person had to sign in and out with the hostess, and record the name of their date. Only seniors could have unlimited dating," Holly says.

Another favorite spot for many students is the game room. The room presently contains four foosball tables and two ping-pong tables. Board games have gained their share of popularity also. "We have dozens of games, and get new ones all the time," says Holly. "We keep them covered with contact paper and stocked with paper and pencils, so that they will stay in good condition for the students' use."

Brides and grooms that are married in the War Memorial Chapel often use the Social Parlor for their receptions. At times the Social Secretary and Reception Coordinator have as many as four or five weddings in one week! In one corner is a kitchen, complete with a dumbwaiter connected to the Snack Shop below for convenience in transporting food and dishes during receptions.

Not only are wedding receptions held in the Social Parlor, but also business receptions, Alumni receptions at Bible Conference, Missions Emphasis Week displays, and weekly meetings for some campus organizations. ■

Put yourself in their shoes

With a pair of dark glasses and a white cane, a college-aged girl groped toward the Information Desk. As the blind girl and another student portraying her mother were directed to the Admissions Office, other visitors and students noticed the pair and wondered if she was a new student.

The answer is no. Sharon Melton, from Elizabethtown, NC, is a senior special education major at BJU, and at the time of that incident, was participating in a unique class project. "For that particular assignment the students were required to go somewhere for one hour, pretending to be a disabled person," says Dr. Joe Sutton, Chairman of the Department of Special Education. "After they complete the simulation, they record the feelings they had as a handicapped person and their perceptions of how other people respond to disabled people. You can be taught a lot in the classroom, but to experience what is going on in the life of a handicapped person is really the best way to learn."

And for Sharon, who has 20/20 vision with glasses, the project did teach her how it feels to be blind. "It made me realize how much a handicapped person wants to be treated as an equal—just like everyone else." Sharon now has a job as a counsellor with the Department of Mental Retardation in Greenville, helping residents she works with to manage their funds and learn basic household skills.

Sharon's simulation experience was just a part of the first required course for special education majors, Introduction to Exceptional Children. This course surveys the three major disabilities—learning disabilities, mental retardation, and emotional disturbance—as well as hearing/visual impairments, physical disabilities, communication disorders, and giftedness. The major also requires two courses dealing more in-depth with the characteristics of mildly disabled students, several courses on special education methodology, two clinicals, and a semester of student teaching.

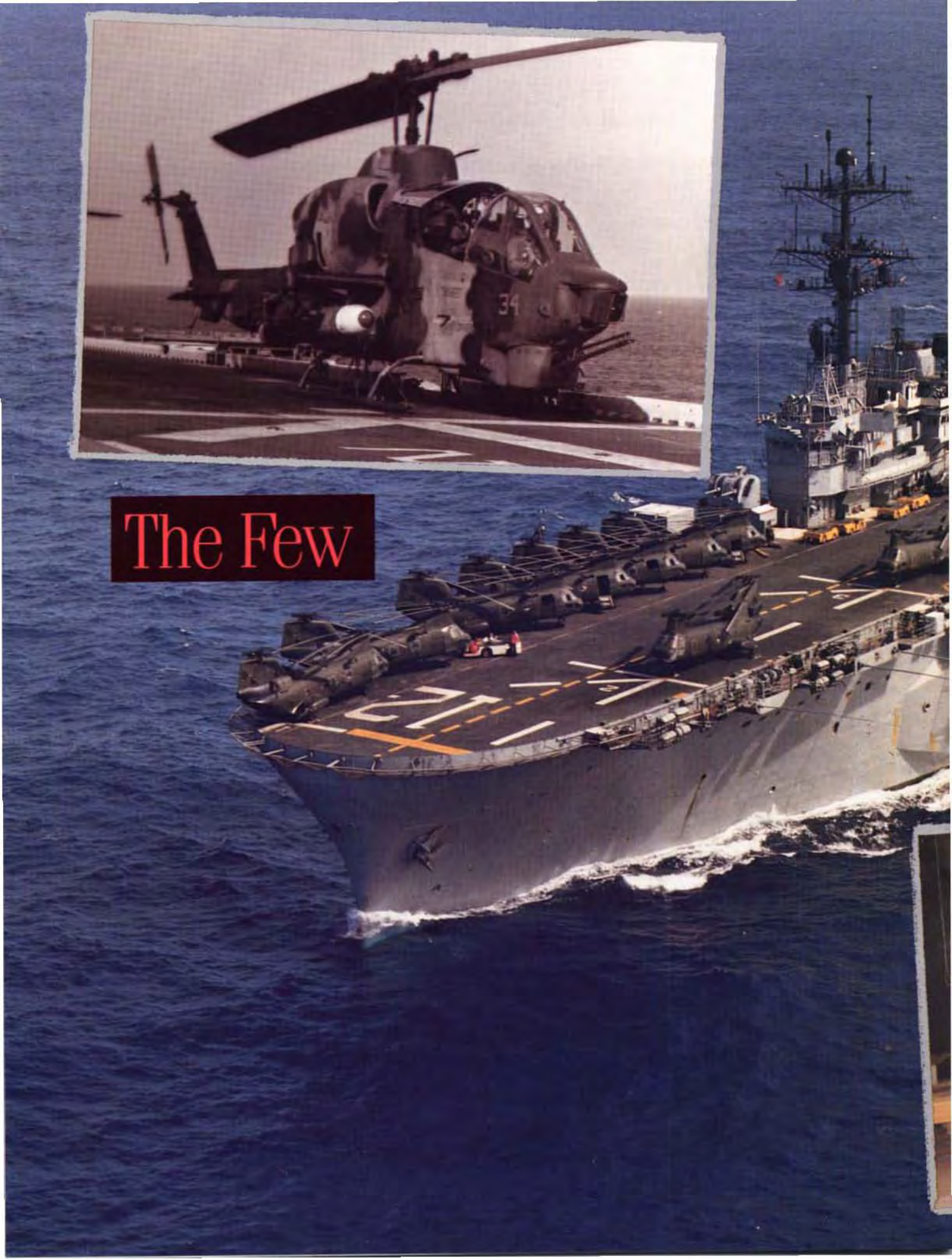
A brand new facet of BJU's special education program is the Learning Disabilities Resource Center. According to Dr. Sutton, the purpose of the center is to provide direct special education services for university students with learning disabilities. Many of these students are qualified to be admitted to BJU and are capable of earning a college degree, but do not stay because of trouble in keeping up with their studies.

The center is staffed by senior special education majors and students earning graduate degrees in special education, and they help students with library, study, and organizational skills, as well as math and reading problems.

One of the biggest benefits of the special education program is the numerous opportunities it gives for "hands-on" experience with handicapped individuals. Becky McKinsey, a senior from Greenville, SC, takes advantage of as many opportunities as she can. "I had never worked with handicapped people until I was in college, and experiences like Special Olympics and my weekend extension have let me work with children and adults one-on-one—not just learn about them."

Opportunities for graduates in the special education field are widespread. "Recent surveys indicate that instead of math and science, special education is now the area with the most critical shortage of teachers nationwide," Dr. Sutton says. "Less than 10% of America's Christian schools have a special education program, so our graduates will not just be filling established teaching positions, but starting brand new programs in these schools."

Sharon Melton appreciates the top-notch qualifications she has received at BJU. "Everything I've learned has proved so practical! BJU's special education program is one of excellence, hard work, and discipline, and it's fulfilling to finish a class and know that it is not just a class that you'll place on the shelf and forget, but one that you'll use— every part of it—in the classroom and in your life!" ■


The Few

& the Proud

On November 6, 1990, Marine Reserve attack helicopter pilot Brad Lapiska sat at his desk in a daze. The phone receiver was still resting in his hand; the words of his commanding officer still echoing in his head. "You have been ordered back to active duty for assignment in the Persian Gulf. In one week you will report to your squadron. When you arrive, you will receive your official written orders."

Wondering when he would return to finish his graduate studies at BJU, Brad hurriedly packed for what turned into a five-month stay in the Middle East. Now returned to the U.S., he reflects on the lessons he learned while serving in the war.

"Participating in Desert Storm really taught me to trust God," says Brad. "I didn't understand why God pulled me out of school and out of my ministry for military service in the Gulf War until I got there. And then God showed me His plan. I left because I am a preacher. It was the place where God wanted me to be, and I wouldn't have wanted to be anywhere else."

Though he enjoys it, flying an AH-1 Cobra attack helicopter doesn't diminish Brad's zeal for the calling of God on his life. "A lot of people think the most exciting thing I have ever done is fly Cobra helicopters, and that my ministry must rank somewhere below my flying experience. They think I must have great regrets about leaving my job of

flying Cobras full-time to work in the ministry full-time."

"But that's not true! I've seen the sparkling waters of the Mediterranean coast, and experienced combat. But none of that compares to the thrill that I get when God uses me to lead one person to the Lord.

I think being a preacher is the greatest thing that I've been permitted to do."

With a father in the military, Brad's family found their home in a different location almost every three years. At the age of 17, after moving to Denver, Col., Brad spent a summer with his cousin. It was through the Christian testimony of that relative that Brad accepted Christ as his personal Saviour.

But for the next eight years Brad's spiritual life was stagnant. "I did nothing for the Lord, and I wasn't growing as a Christian should. I learned that being a Christian and not living for the Lord is one of the worst situations to be in."

During this time, Brad graduated from Colorado State University with a degree in business administration and joined the U.S. Marine Corps.

It wasn't until Brad's first assignment in Jacksonville, N.C., that he and his wife Peg started to attend a fundamental church. Through the ministry of that assembly, Brad dedicated his life to the Lord in 1980, and for the first time started to see great spiritual growth in his life.

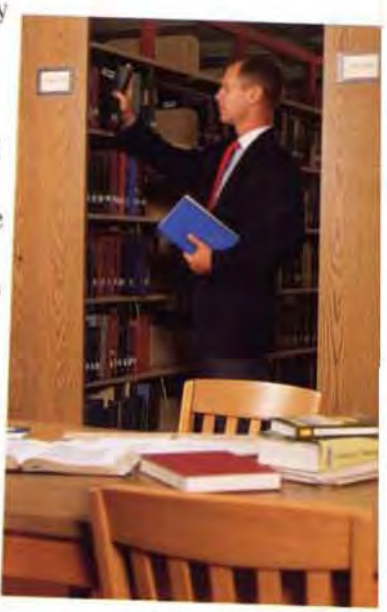
Though it started with small tasks such as moving chairs and doing custodial work, Brad and Peg soon found themselves busy in the church serving as Sunday School teachers and in other leadership roles. In January 1987, after spending 10 years in the Marine Corps, Brad felt the Lord calling him to preach. After completing a six-month assignment overseas, Brad moved his family to Greenville, S.C., and enrolled in the graduate division of Pastoral Studies at BJU.

Since moving to Greenville, Brad has also served as youth pastor at Hampton Park Baptist Church, a job which he thoroughly enjoys. "It seems that all of my life I have been used to train people—as a major in the Marine Corps, and now with this youth group. And I love it!"

The group, with a regular attendance of almost 100 teens, is involved in several types of outreach work. For the past three summers Brad, Peg and their two daughters—Julie, 12, and Christina, 10—have accompanied small groups of teens on mission trips, providing Bible Clubs and sacred music for other churches.

Traveling to these various churches has become a family activity for the Lapiskas. "Serving together as a family is really neat," says Brad. "This past summer Peg and I even held our first family conference. It's great to have a family that can serve with you in the ministry."

Brad views his involvement in the Gulf war as an exciting chance to share the gospel, rather than a hindrance to his career in school. "I had so many opportunities to preach while in the Gulf—more than I have ever had over here! I really saw the Holy Spirit working in men's hearts as at least 25 accepted the Lord through preaching or personal contacts. As a Marine and a preacher it was the most exciting time of my life!"



Now back in Greenville as a BJU student, Brad is appreciative of the preparation he is receiving at BJU. "I've been so impressed by the quality of education BJU gives to its students, but even more by the discipline the school teaches. The personal discipline I see in the faculty and students at BJU is produced by the high standards and expectations here; and in both the Marine Corps and the ministry, I have found that next to personal holiness, personal discipline is the key to a successful Christian life." ■

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